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**MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN
CONVICTION OF TWO ARMED BANK ROBBERS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JAVARIS MARQUEZ TUBBS, 30, of Elk Grove, CA, and MICHAEL WAYNE BLANCHE, 22, of Pittsburg, CA were convicted today of armed bank robbery. TUBBS and BLANCHE were found guilty of one count of armed bank robbery and aiding and abetting, and one count of use of a firearm. The guilty verdicts were returned by a federal court jury in Sacramento on May 15, 2006 after a 5-day trial before United States District Judge William B. Shubb.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force (SVCTF) comprised of FBI Agents and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Detectives, Elk Grove Police Department, Sacramento Police Department, Pittsburg Police Department, Stockton Police Department, Lodi Police Department, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys William Wong and Heiko Coppola, who prosecuted the case, the evidence introduced at trial showed that TUBBS, BLANCHE, and a third individual MICHAEL DEREK BRADLEY, 21, of Pittsburg, CA conducted an armed bank robbery of the Washington Mutual Bank, 8725 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA on April 14, 2005.

A federal felony arrest warrant has been issued for the third subject, BRADLEY, a fugitive, in conjunction with the armed bank robbery.

Sentencing has been set for Wednesday, July 26, 2006 before United States District Judge Shubb.

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